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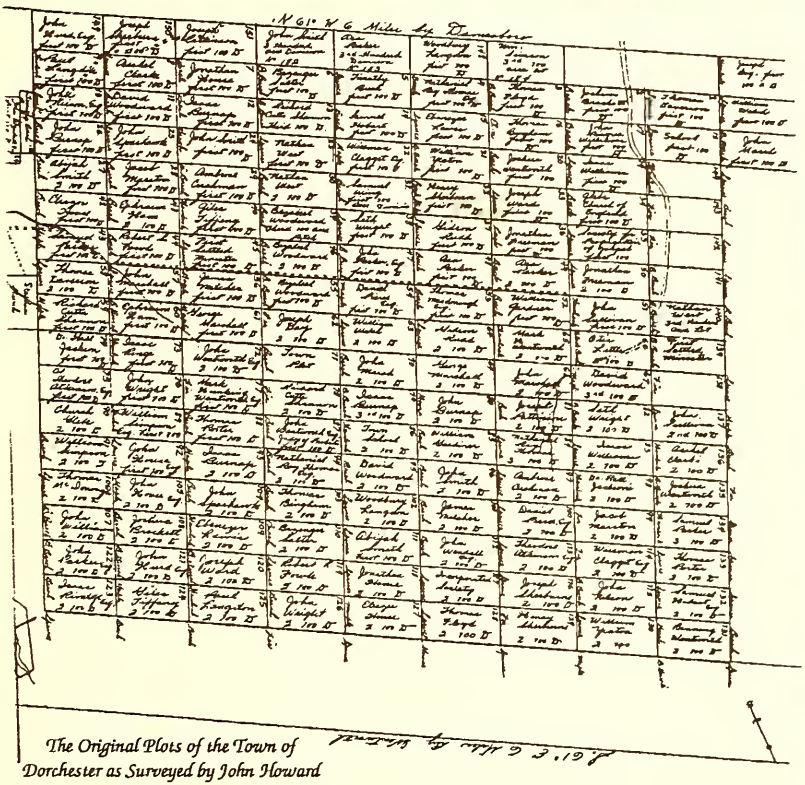
The Town of DORCHESTER New Hampshire



The Original Plots of the Town of Dorchester as Surveyed by John Howard and accepted by the Proprietors at their meeting of June 3, 1773. (copied from Proprietors Handbook)

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*** HISTORICAL NOTE ***

1870 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS
DORCHESTER, NH

Manufacturing:

Lumber Mills.....5

Hands Employed.....67

Annual Payroll..... $18,000.00

Shingles & Laths.....500,000

Boards & Dimension Lumber.....1,600,000

Value of Products.....$36,000.00

(2 other mills)

Products of the Soil:

Indian Corn.....1,150 bushels

Potatoes.....32,783 bushels

Hay.....2,372 tons

Wool.....5,248 pounds

Maple Sugar.....13,581 pounds

Copied from agricultural census at N.H. State Library, courtesy of Nella Ashley.

Message from the Selectmen

As Town Meeting approaches, we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and our hopes and projections for the future. The beginning of the year saw a certainty of a staggering tax increase fueled by the increase in the school budget and indications of a flurry of subdivision projects extending from Pond & Forest along the Wentworth town line to the former Brown and Bagley properties along the Canaan town line. Such subdivision activity could be expected to be followed by an increase in building activity, and a consequent need to do additional improvement work on our roads.

All of this set the town goals for the year: first, to establish tools to get control of and direct potential growth; second, to increase information flow to our voters; and third, to increase voter participation in the setting of future town policies. The Planning Board, with the support of the Selectmen, have reviewed and updated the Master Plan, first adopted in 1980, to meet the desires of the people of the town as voiced in two earlier planning questionnaires. In addition, the Planning Board has prepared a Land Uses Regulation Ordinance to be voted upon at Town Meeting. These items are a long start to meeting the first goal. For our second goal, we have tried to increase the amount of information appearing in the Mascoma Valley Messenger and the Valley News, and occasionally in the Plymouth Record-Citizen.

The articles on the warrant are the result of our third goal. In addition to the election of officers and the question of adoption of the Land Use Regulation, there are thirteen money articles and another for the creation of a solid waste district with eleven other towns. Each one of these items will have substantial effect on the future direction of the town. Several of the money articles are the type which in another year might simply have been put in the budget but which we felt should be left to the discretion of the voters. In passing, you should know that a substantial number of these articles can be passed without increasing the town portion of the tax rate.

Lastly we want to comment on the reassessment of land accomplished by the Selectmen during the past year. After the amendment to the building permit ordinance was adopted at the 1988 Town Meeting, we appointed Jean Belair as permit officer. In the course of organizing his duties, Jean became aware that there were a substantial number of improvements for which permits had been issued since 1986 which were not reflected on the assessment cards, and that also several properties showed improvements for which there were no permits. While doing the "pick-up" assessments on this list of improvements, we became aware that the value of land had increased far more since 1980, the date of our last full revaluation, than had the value of buildings, and also that we had no fair standard with which to assess the newly subdivided lots. These feelings were confirmed when our equalization ratio for 1988 was reduced sharply from the previous year. The net effect in the reduction of this ratio is to increase the burden on the homeowner. We determined to revalue all the land with these goals in mind: to stop the slide in our equalization ratio; to place an appropriate tax burden on subdivided and other undeveloped land; to correct inequities that had crept into our system, and finally, by bringing the value of land to approximately the same proportion of apparent market value as the buildings, to forestall the necessity of an expensive complete

revaluation by an outside group. We recognized, however, that some time in the future a complete revaluation would be necessary. There is a petitioned warrant article calling for such a revaluation to be conducted by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. If this passes, the earliest DRA could accomplish the revaluation would be 1995 or 1996. We had not anticipated forestalling a complete revaluation more than 5 or 6 years and therefore support the concept of this article.

In closing let us say that the future of Dorchester rests in the hands of its Legislative body: you, the people who go to the polls and attend Town Meeting. If you support a candidate or a particular warrant article, get out and vote! Nobody else can do it for you!

Brain A. Howe
Raymond e. Conkey
Valentine F. Parker

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen
Brian A. Howe '89 Raymond Conkey '90 Valentine Parker '91

Moderator
Henry Melanson '90

Tax Collector
Delbert G. Pratt

Treasurer
Nella H. Ashley
Martha Walker, Deputy

Town Clerk
Brenda Howe

Road Agent
George C. Conkey

Welfare Director
Alice Melanson

Health Officer
Eric P. Bergstrom

Forest Fire Warden
George C. Conkey,II

Police Chief/Dog Constable
Ralph L. Gove

Permit Officer
Jean R. Belair

Trustees of Trust Funds
Frances E. Merrill '89

Supervisors of Checklist
Frances Whitehurst '90 Beverly Hall '90 Martha Walker '91

Library Trustees
Mary Carroll Abell '90 Robert W.Thayer '89 Matilda Ernst'91

Cemetery Committee
Mary Carroll Abell Martha Walker

Planning Board
Jean R. Belair '91, Chairman
Brian A. Howe '89
Edith T. Gray '89
Valentine F. Parker '91
Henry L. Melanson '91
Blanche MacDonald '90

Board of Directors, UVLSC
Jean R. Belair
Valentine F.Parker

Representative, Solid Waste District
Valentine F. Parker

Historic District Commission
Robert Pon, Chairman, '91
Mary Morrissey '91
Margaret Ayers '89
Edith Gray '91
Nella H. Ashley '90
Patricia Franz '89
Valentine F. Parker '91
(Selectmens' Rep.)

School Board Member
Patricia E. Franz '90

Representatives to Mascoma Health Council
Herbert Noel
Ruby Noel

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday the 14th day of March, 1989, polls to be open for voting on Articles 1 and 2 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 7:30 in the evening.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote by official ballot to adopt the Land Use Regulation Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board pursuant to RSA 674:16 and 675:3. (Question to be voted upon at the polls between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.)

3. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 80:58-86 for a real estate lien procedure. These statutes provide that tax sales to private individuals for nonpayment of property taxes of real estate are replaced with a tax lien procedure under which only a municipality or county where the property is located or the state may acquire a tax lien against land and buildings for unpaid taxes. (Article by petition, paper ballot required.)

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) for the purpose of improving the heating, plumbing and sewage disposal systems at the Town Hall and to further authorize the Selectmen to withdraw two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Building Fund for this purpose.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000.00) to top dress and pave with mix-in-place asphalt paving that portion of Bickford Woods Road starting at the intersection of Bickford Woods, Hearse House and Streeter Roads and running northwesterly approximately 650 feet to the intersection of the former Maple Lane to include all of that portion of Bickford Woods Road which was reconstructed through a gravel surface in 1987.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars ($4,500.00) to top dress and pave with mix-in-place asphalt paving that portion of Bickford Woods Road starting at the bridge below Melanson's field and extending toward Ashleys' approximately 400 feet to include all of that portion of Bickford Woods Road which was reconstructed through a gravel surface in 1983.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00) to widen and improve that portion of the North Dorchester Road from the Town Common to the intersection of Cummings Pond Road.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars ($4,500.00) to top dress and pave with mix-in-place asphalt paving approximately 450 feet of River Road commencing at the Bergstrom residence and extending to the Groton Town Line to include that portion of the River Road which was reconstructed through gravel in 1985.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000.00) for the purpose of sealing approximately 800 feet of the North Dorchester Road commencing at the Hallowell Property and extending northeasterly to a point near the Williams property to include all of the portion paved in 1987.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars ($18,000.00) to top dress and pave with mix-in-place asphalt paving that portion of the North Dorchester Road commencing at the property of Donna Abell and extending westerly approximately 500 yards to include the portion which was reconstructed through gravel in 1986 and to reconstruct through paving an additional 100 yards extending westerly toward the Haegle (formerly Johnson) property, to complete the reconstruction project begun in 1986.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars ($33,000.00) to top dress and pave with mix-in-place asphalt paving that portion of Bickford Woods Road commencing on the hill near the Ashley barn and running approximately six tenths (0.6) fo a mile to include all of that portion of Bickford Woods Road which wwas reconstructed through a gravel surface in 1987.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($4,250.00) for the purpose of funding a professsional audit of the Town's 1989 financial records. (Required under the CDBG Program.)

14. To see if the Town will accept the recommendation of its representative to the Pemi-Baker Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee and appropriate eight hundred ninety-three dollars ($893.00) to fund the evaluation, planning, permitting and design costs associated with the upgrade of the Plymouth Incinerator/Recycling Facility and Rumney Ash Landfill Site as District facilities.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars ($8,750.00) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

For the Purchase of Town Land	- $5,000.00
For the Purchase of Highway Maintenance Equipmen	- $3,750.00
(To include the proceeds of the sale of the old town truck in 1988 - $2,750).	$8,750.004

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00) for, and to support, the Plymouth Area Task Force Against Domestic Violence, a non-profit organization pursuant to New Hampshire Legislation, and partially funded by marriage license fees from the State of New Hampshire.

17. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of RSA 53-B, 1 to 11 inclusive, providing for the establishment of a regional refuse disposal district, together with the towns of Ashland, Campton, Danbury, Ellsworth, New Hampton, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley and Wentworth and the construction, maintenance, and operation of regional refuse disposal facilities by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Agreement filed with the selectmen. (Printed paper ballot required.)

18. To see if the Town will vote a complete revaluation of taxable property within the Town of Dorchester, N.H. Said revaluation is to be performed by the Appraisal Division of the Department of Revenue Administration. (By petition.)

19. To see if the Town will vote to establish a "Capital Reserve Fund for Property Revaluation", said funds to be withdrawn only in the event of current and future revaluations by an impartial agent. (By petition.)

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) for the "Capital Reserve Fund for Property Revaluation". (By petition.)

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred four thousand three hundred twenty-three dollars ($404,423.00) to defray town charges. (This amount includes the amounts raised in Articles 4 through 16 inclusive) and to authorize the Selectmen to use four thousand fifty-five dollars ($4,055.00) of unexpended bond principal as a revenue source against the long term debt principal as required by RSA 33:3-a.

414,723.00

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or mineral rights acquired by the Town by any Tax Collector's deed, and to authorize the Selectmen to sign the necessary and appropriate documents for such purposes. And in the event of a sale, any sale shall be conducted by advertised sealed bids, negotiated private sale, public auction, or in any other manner which the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes for which the town may legally appropriate money. (Majority Vote Required.)

24. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of February, 1989.

Brian A. Howe

Raymond E. Conkey

Valentine F. Parker

Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy Attest:

Brian A. Howe
Raymond E. Conkey
Valentine F. Parker

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Appropriations 1988	Expenditures 1988	Underspent 1988	Overspent 1988	Recommend 1989
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Town Officers Salaries	7,775.00	7,770.00	5.00		7,780.00
Town Officers' Expenses	6,600.00	8,294.50		1,694.50	8,500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,000.00	1,417.40		417.40	500.00
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00			500.00
General Government Buildings	1,500.00	418.92	1,031.08		2,750.00
Planning	1,000.00	411.25	588.75		750.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	139.38	2,860.62		3,000.00
Regional Associations	663.00	674.00		11.00	675.00
Town Reports	1,065.00	899.00	166.00		800.00
Town Clerks' Fees	600.00	571.00	29.00		600.00
Contingency Fund	500.00	0.00	500.00		500.00
Professional Audit	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00		4,250.00
Housing & Community Development	176,400.00	29,885.47	146,514.53		146,515.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Department	2,800.00	1,698.81	1,101.19		2,800.00
Fire Department	5,500.00	644.06	4,855.94		5,500.00
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
Town Maintenance	36,000.00	31,114.21	4,885.79		41,500.00
General Highway Dept. Expenses (Block Grant)	20.281.89	20,281.89			25,125.00
Highway Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00		80,000.00
Lease Payment - Loader	11,238.60	11,238.60			11,239.00
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Disposal (Rumney Dump)	7,200.00	7,200.00			9,970.00
Solid Waste Planning - Pemi-Baker District	468.00	468.00			893.00

HEALTH					
Canaan F.A.S.T.	563.00	0.00	563.00		563.00
Mascoma Health Services	803.00	803.00			834.00
P.A.T.F. Against Domestic Violence	200.00		200.00(Note #1)		200.00
Grafton Co. Senior Citizens Council	237.00	237.00			261.00
WELFARE					
General Assistance	1,000.00	799.07	200.93		1,000.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Library	250.00	250.00			250.00
DEBT SERVICE					
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	8,539.04		4,539.04	20,000.00
Princial of Long Term Notes	13,000.00	13,000.00			10,000.00
Interest Expense - Long Term Notes	4,100.17	4,100.17			3093.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Capital Reserve Town Building Fund	0.00	0.00		(Note #2)	2,000.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Highway Equipment Fund	4,054.75	0.00	4,054.75		3,750.00
Building Fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		0.00
Purchase of Land	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS					
Insurance	15,000.00	13,359.00	1,641.00		13,500.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	111.12		11.12	125.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	**$336,899.41**	**$164,824.89**	**$178,747.58**	**$6673.06**	**$414,723.00**

1. Appropriated but not spent, 1988
2. See Article 5 on warrant

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues 1988	Actual Revenues 1988	Selectmen's Budget 1989
TAXES			
Yield Taxes	10,000.00	7,698.45	$10,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	3,000.00	3,889.17	4,600.00
Land Use Change Tax		1,223.00	5,000.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE			
Shared Revenue-Block Grant	7,939.00	7,939.00	7,939.00
Highway Block Grant	20,282.00	22,164.07	22,125.00
Reimb. a/c State-Fed. Forest Land	565.00	564.91	650.00
Flood Reimb.		2,427.00	0.00
Forest Fire Training	75.00	20.25	75.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - FEDERAL			
CDBG Block Grant	176,400.00	69,142.00	107,258.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	18,000.00	20,074.00	23,000.00
Dog Licenses	225.00	202.50	225.00
Permits and Filing Fees	100.00	93.00	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	5,000.00	5,055.01	17,500.00
Insurance Refunds		1,105.00	0.00
Receipts from Planning Board	800.00	563.81	800.00
Early Payment on Loan		30.28	0.00
Tax Maps & Guides		59.50	100.00
Sale of Town Truck		2,750.00	0.00
All other Miscellaneous Revenues		1,132.00	0.00
Balance of Bonds	4,055.00	0.00	4,055.00
Withdrawal from Cap. Reserve Bldg. Fund	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	39,443.00

FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1988

ASSETS	BALANCE	
CASH		
All funds in custody of Treasurer	$73,442.73	
Total cash		$73,442.73
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)		
(a) Levy of 1987	8,625.69	
(b) Levy of 1986	1,651.73	
(c) Previous Years	429.99	
Total Unredeemed Taxes.....	10,507.41	10,507.41
Uncollected Taxes: (Including All Taxes)		
(a) Levy of 1988	94,305.43	
(b) Levy of 1987 - Yield Taxes	393.00	
(c) Previous Years - Yield Taxes	1,284.96	
Total Uncollected Taxes.....	95,983.39	95,983.39
TOTAL ASSETS.....		**$179,933.53**

Fund Balance - December 31, 1987	$ 1,360.04
Fund Balance - December 31, 1988	39,442.78
Change in Financial Condition	+$38,082.74

LIABILITIES		
Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriations:		
Capital Reserve Fund for Town Land	5,0000.00	
Capital Reserve Fund for Town Buildings	1,000.00	
Capital Reserve Fund for Hwy. Maint. Equipment	4,054.75	
P.A.T.F. Against Domestic Violence	200.00	
Professional Audit (Article 6)	3,500.00	
Unexpended Balance of Bond	4,054.75	
Yield Tax Deposits Escrow Acct.	0.00	
School District Taxes Payable	125,730.00	
Canaan Fire Dept. Contract (Paid 2/89)	1,000.00	
Due to State:Dog Lic. Fees collected but not remitted	6.00	
Total Accounts Owed by Town	144,545.50	144,545.50

RECEIPTS		
From Local Taxes		
Property Taxes - Current Year, 1988	$262,622.14	
Yield Taxes - Current Year, 1988	7,698.45	
Property and Yield Taxes - Previous Years	29,868.10	
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	3 889.17	
Change of Use, Previous Years	1,223.00	
Tax Sales Redeemed	9,242.09	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	20,074.00	
Total Taxes Collected and Remitted	334,616.95	334,616.95

Licenses and Permits			
Dog Licenses		202.50	
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		3.00	
Other licenses and permits		90.00	
Total Licenses and Permits		295.50	295.50
From Federal Government:			
CDBG Block Grant		69,142.00	
From the State of New Hampshire			
Shared Revenue		22,863.10	
Highway Block Grant		22,164.07	
Reimb. State-Federal Forest Land		564.91	
All Other State Grants:			
Forest Fire Training	20.25		
Flood Reimb.	2,427.00		
Total		2,447.25	
Total Intergovernmental Revenues		48,039.33	48,039.33
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on Deposits		5,055.01	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds		0.00	
Other Miscellaneous Revenues		5,640.59	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues		10,695.60	10,695.60
Other Financing Sources			
Non-Revenue Receipts			
Tax Anticipation Note		130.000.00	130,000.00
Total Receipts from All Sources			**592,789.38**
Cash on Hand January 1,1988			**35,682.79**
GRAND TOTAL			**$628,472.17**

PAYMENTS:		
General Government		
Town Officers Salaries	7,770.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	8,294.50	
Town Clerk's Fees	517.00	
Election and Registration	1,417.40	
Cemeteries	500.00	
General Government Buildings	418.92	
Reappraisal of Property	0.00	
Planning	411.25	
LegalExpenses	139.38	
Central Administration - Town Reports	899.00	
Regional Assoc., NHMA, UV-LSC	674.00	
Contingency Fund	0.00	
Professional Audit (See Note #1)	0.00	
Housing and Community Development	29,885.47	
Total General Government		50,980.92

Public Safety		
Police Department	1,698.81	
Equipment	0.00	
Fire Department	644.06	
Total Public Safety Expenses		2,342.87
Highways, Streets, Bridges		
General Highway Department	51,396.10	
Equipment	11,238.60	
Total Highways, Streets, Bridges		62,634.70
Sanitation		
Solid Waste Disposal, Planning,		
Pemi-Baker S.W.D.	468.00	
Payments for Use of Rumney Dump	7,200.00	
Total Sanitation Expenses		7,668.00
Health		
Mascoma Home Health Services	803.00	
Grafton Co. Senior Citizens Council	237.00	
P.A.T.F. Against Domestic Violence (Note #1)		
Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad	0.00	
Total Health Payments	1,040.00	1,040.00
Welfare		
Other Vendor Payments	799.07	
Total Welfare Expenses		799.07
Culture and Recreation		
Library	250.00	
Total Culture and Recreation		250.00
Debt Service		
Interest, Tax Anticipation Note	8,539.04	
Interest, Long Term Note	4,100.07	
Principal Long Term Note	13,000.00	
Total Debt Service Expense	25,639.21	25,639.21
Operating Transfers Out		
Capital Reserve Fund for Town Land (Note #1)		
Capital Reserve Fund for Hwy. Maint. Equipment (note #1)		
Capital Reserve Fund for Town Buildings (Note #1)		
Miscellaneous		
Insurance	13,359.00	
Unemployment Compensation	112.12	
Yield Tax Deposits Less Refunds, Paid to Collector	75.65	
Total Miscellaneous Expense	13,545.77	13,545.77
Unclassified		
Payments - Tax Anticipation Note	130,000.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	8,975.69	
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	254.90	
Refund and Payment - Yield Tax Escrow	116.53	
Total Unclassified Expenses	139,347.12	139,347.12

Payments to Other Governmental Division		
To State - Marriage Licenses, Dog Licenses	71.00	
Taxes Paid to County	14,925.00	
Payments to School District	196,340.00	
Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.	211,339.00	211,339.00
Total Payments for all Purposes		**515,470.13**
Cash on Hand December 31, 1988		**73,442.73**
GRAND TOTAL		**$588,912.86**

Note #1 - Unexpended special appropriation carried as a liability.

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land (Current Use Valuation)	23,992.7 acres	$ 428,497.00
Land (All Other)	3,663.3 acres	4,216,343.00
Buildings		
A. Residential		4,141,749.00
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		252,150.00
Public Utilities - NH Elec. Co-op. Lines		265,236.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		9,323,975.00
Exemptions - Elderly,		23,240.40
Valuation on which tax rate is computed		**$9,300,735.00**

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATES

Net Assessed Valuation	$9,300,735.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Town Property Taxes Assessed	351,000.00
Less War Service Tax Credits	2,000.00
Net Property Tax Commitment	349,000.00
Tax Rate per 1,0000:	
Municipal	$10.66
County	1.46
School	25.78
TOTAL	$37.90

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,350.00
Library, Lands and Buildings	15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	750.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment and Materials	75,000.00
Historical Museum	6,700.00
TOTAL	$156,800.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1988	5.00	
Number of Cars, 407	$20,070.00	
Filing Fees, 7	7.00	
Dogs, 62	202.50	
Total remitted to Treasurer		$20.283.50
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1988		1.00

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Howe

Brenda Howe,
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1988	$ 35,682.79	
From Town Clerk	20,283.50	
From Tax Collector	314,542.95	
From Selectmen	188,820.93	
		$559,330.17
Payments by Order of Selectmen		485,887.44
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1988		$ 73,442.73
Pemigewasset National Bank N.O.W. A/C	$51,399.25	
Plymouth Guaranty 1st NH Bank, Money Mkt. A/C	22,043.48	
	$73,442.73	
Community Development Block Grant Received from State of N. H.		$69,142.00
Payments:		
Bank Charges and Printed Checks	$ 75.58	
By Order of Selectmen	29,809.89	
		29,885.47
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988		$39,256.53

Respectfully Submitted,

Nella H. Ashley

Nella H. Ashley,
Treasurer

TOWN OF DORCHESTER
TAX COLLECTOR"S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1988

DEBITS

		Levies of:	
Beginning of Fiscal Year	1988	1987	Prior
Uncollected Taxes:			
Property Taxes			45,766.37
Land Use Change Taxes			1,223.00
Yield Taxes			1,677.46
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes		351,000.88	
Yield Taxes		8,174.10	
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes		223.05	
Costs & Interest Collected :			
Delinquent Property Taxes		152.98	4,439.58
TOTAL DEBITS		$359,551.01	$53,106.91

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer during Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	255,630.97	36,408 78
Land Use Change Tax		1.223.00
Yield Taxes	7,698.45	
Costs & Interest on Taxes	152.98	4,439.58
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes	2,296.51	
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	93,321.42	9,353.75
Yield Taxes	475.65	1,677.96
TOTAL CREDITS	$359,575.98	$53,097.07

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1988

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of	1987	1986	Prior
DEBITS			
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year		8,660.98	1,739.25
Taxes Sold to Town during Fiscal Year	8,975.69		
Interest Collected after Sale		1,031.71	735.22
TOTAL DEBITS	$8,975.69	$9,692.69	$2,474.47
CREDITS			
Remittance to Treasurer during Fiscal Year:			
Redemptions	350.00	7,009.55	1,309.29
Interest & Cost after Sale		1,031.71	735.22
Unredeemed Taxes End of Year	8,625.69	1,651.73	429.99
TOTAL CREDITS	$8,975.69	$9,692.99	$2,474.50

Delbert Pratt,
Tax Collector

Zack Taylor's blacksmith shop on Hearse House Rd.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Brian Howe, Selectman	$1,500.00
Raymond Conkey, Selectman	1,500.00
Valentine Parker, Selectman (March-Dec.)	1,220.52
John Franz, Selectman (Jan & Feb.)	279.48
Nella Ashley, Treasurer	800.00
Martha Walker, Deputy Treas.	60.00
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk	500.00
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector	1,500.00
Marilyn Pratt, Deputy Tax Collector	60.00
Cathy Cote, Auditor	75.00
Melissa Belair, Auditor	75.00
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director ('87 & '88)	200.00
Salaries.....	7,770.00
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk, Fees..... ..	571.00
TOTAL.....	$8,341.00

TOWN OFFICERS" EXPENSES

Office Supplies:	
Clay's Office Supplies	118.20
Sunapee Business Systems	130.81
Loring, Short & Harmon	18.00
Wheeler & Clark	54.05
Misc. - Forms, Record Books, Folders, Envelopes, Copier Paper, etc.	251.69
Postage	347.55
Telephone	353.14
Xerox Copier	852.59
Marima Belair, Secretary	3,948.37
Town Officials' Assoc.	67.00
Seminars & Workshops	260.60
Lectures & Manuals	47.00
Welfare Lawbooks	58.00
Equity Publishing Co.	272.45
Mascoma Messenger, Notices	109.73
Mileage:	
John Franz	21.08
Jean Belair	65.00
Datown Computer Service	631.71
Emerson Gardens	12.50
Reimbusement:	
Nella Ashley, Treas.	30.65
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director	7.60
Val Parker, Selectman	571.85
Brian Howe, Selectman	10.00
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk	54.93
TOTAL.....	$8,294.50

REPORT OF ROAD EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Benefits:	
George C. Conkey, Road Agent	$17,100.00
Retirement (Town's share)	568.09
Health Ins.(BC/BS)	2,843.88
George C. Conkey, II	7,062.00
David A. Conkey	1,242.00
Craig Conkey	24.00
TOTAL.....	$28,839.97
RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND OPERATORS:	
Pat Coursey's Salvage, Snow plowing	$1,340.00
George Conkey & Son, Use of pick-up & plowing	260.00
Richard Carter, Snow plowing	270.00
Richard Buckwold, Hauling & Plowing	772.50
Octave Bourdelais, Operating Backhoe	1,240.00
George C. Conkey, II, Saw rental	32.00
Neil Robertson, Crader	843.75
Razor Hill Construction	1,530.00
Roy Abbott, Hauling	162.00
George C. Conkey, Mower rental & Mileage	157.66
TOTAL.....	$6,607.91
HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSES:	
Stephen Cole,Steelbeams	$1,000.00
Sanel Auto Parts	152.87
Shortts' Garage	413.55
Webster Motors	329.74
Hammond Lumber	281.15
Buck's Welding	175.00
Northern State Tire	140.00
Arthur Whitcomb, Coldpatch	375.29
TLC, Tree & Crane Service	300.00
Canaan Hardware	13.50
Kibby Equipment	834.10
Dennis Edgecomb, Welding & Cutting	927.50
NH Electric Co-op., Salt barn	166.78
Yeaton Oil	1,949.71
Nichols Hardware	51.88
R.A.K. Industries, Tools	1,195.99
Townline Equipment	548.00
International Salt	594.91
Jean R. Belair, mileage	20.00
Marima Belair, Reimb.(stencils,bolts,paint)	64.20
C. R. McCloud, Chainsaw & service	585.10
Maple Lane Farm, Sand & Gravel	1,812.50
George Conkey, Garage rental	1,200.00
George Conkey, Reimb. tele.,elec.,mileage,oil)	505.43
Noel King, Excavation work	134.00
Univ. of NH, Seminars	40.00
Emerson Gardens	12.50
M & M Equipment	151.02
Highway Steel, Guard Rails	1,473.50
Culvert	500.00
TOTAL.....	$15,448.22
GRAND TOTAL.....	**$51,396.10**

ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSES

Mountain Media, Supervisors' Notices	$ 78.30
Mascoma Valley Messenger	150.25
Clay's Office Supplies	8.45
Martha Walker, Supervisor of Checklist	234.00
Frances Whitehurst, Supervisor of Checklist	292.40
Beverly Hall, Supervisor of Checklist	165.75
Henry Melanson, Moderator	173.25
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk	164.25
Frances Merrill, Ballot Clerk	141.75
Delbert Pratt, Ballot Clerk	9.00
TOTAL.....	$1,417.40

DORCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

As of mid-summer, the department is down to one officer, your Chief of Police. Because of the number of calls received, this seems to be adequate for the time being.

I'm still receiving many reports of people speeding in our town, but please bear with me. I cannot do anything without the proper equipment to stop these people and to issue summons. I do appreciate your concerns though and maybe in the future something can be done to correct this situation.

Several minor accidents occurred in town during the past year but, fortunately, there were no serious injuries.

Dog complaints, usually one of our more common problems, seem to be on the downswing at this time. During the past fall hunting season, several dogs were picked up or I had calls about them. These dogs were controlled by radio and are immune from penalties from the Town or State.

Again, thank you to all who have supported the department in any way. I appreciate your help and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph L. Gove

Ralph L. Gove
Chief of Police
Dorchester, NH

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF DORCHESTER
December 31, 1988

Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	$183.58
Interest 1988	11.25
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988	194.83
Scott Burleigh Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	561.91
Interest 1988	34.48
Balance on hand, December, 31, 1988	596.39
Paul Hutchinson Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	934.53
Interest 1988	57.37
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988	991.90
John C. Davenport Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	134.27
Interest 1988	8.21
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988	142.48
Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	236.30
Interest 1988	14.48
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988	250.78
Town Cemetery Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31.1987	1,479.44
Interest 1988	90.81
Balance on hand , December 31, 1988	1,570.25
Town Building Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	2,283.38
Interest 1988	140.21
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988	2,423.59
Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	437.82
Interest 1988	26.86
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988	464.68
Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund	
Balance on hand, December 31, 1987	784.79
Intest 1988	44.10
Balance on hand, December 31, 1988	828.89

GRAND TOTAL(Principal & Income in Trust Funds)..$7,463.79

Jaye B. Williams,
Trustee of Trust Funds

1988 FINANCIAL REPORT
DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

RECEIPTS 1988	
Balance on Hand, December 4, 1987	$261.57
Donations - Matilda Ernst, Robert Thayer	125.00
State of New Hampshire Grant	109.44
Selectmens' Appropriation	250.00
Interest from Checking Account	6.21
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$752.22
EXPENDITURES 1988	
Insurance - The Concord Group, 1 yr.	100.00
Magazine Subscriptions	131.31
Bank Checkbooks	7.34
Checkbook Wallet	4.90
Bank Service Charges	20.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1988	263.85
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1988	$488.37

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Carroll Abell

Mary Carroll Abell, Treasurer

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library took over the operation of library functions after the librarian's resignation early this year. Meetings were planned and held at the Library every Wednesday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the regular open hours for the Library. The members took turns keeping the Library open during the regular hours of 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays each week.

During these meetings, the Friends worked on gathering recipes and planning a cookbook. They completed the project, had it published and on sale for the first time at Old Home and Family Day in August. The cookbooks are still available from any member of the Friends. We thank all those who shared their recipes with us and/or supported us by buying books.

To raise money that they might continue their good works, the Friends ran a bake sale and raffle in August and a bake sale in November.

The Friends bought twenty-four new books for the Library, have subscriptions to several Craft magazines (which are kept at the Library so anyone may use them), and bought a carpet sweeper to go with the new carpet which they installed last year.

Thanks to Esther Coderre who served as Librarian during the Fall and to Herbert Noel who has taken her place.

Library hours remain the same: 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1989
DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1988	$448.11
Appropriation from Selectmen	500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	948.11

EXPENDITURES

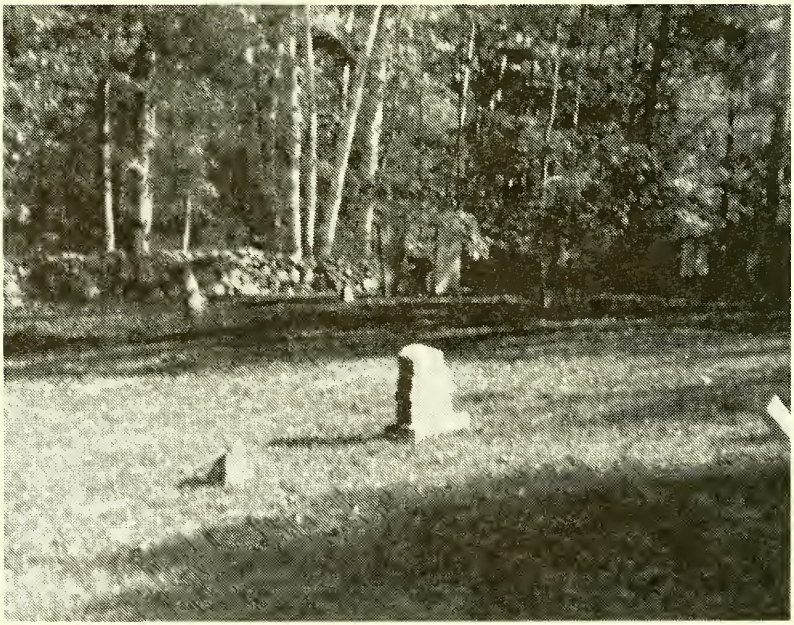
Care of Cemeteries	$614.00
Bank Service Charges	18.29
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	632.29

BALANCE ON HAND, DEC. 31, 1988.....$315.82

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Carroll Abell

Mary Carroll Abell, Treasurer



Blodgett Cemetery

DORCHESTER CHARTER, 1761

Province of New Hampshire

GEORGE the Third.

By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.
To all persons to whom these Presents shall come,
Greeting.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq.: Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province: of New Hampshire, in New England, and of our Council of the said Province; Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal shares, unto Our Loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of New Hampshire, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entered on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into sixty nine equal Shares all that tract or Parcel of Land situate, Lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by Admeasurement, twenty Three Thousand and Forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers. One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by our said Governor's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows. Vis.

Beginning at the South East Corner of Lime from Thence Running North twenty degrees East Six miles by Lime from thence South Sixty one degrees East Six miles. from thence South twenty degrees West Six miles from Thence North Sixty one degrees West Six miles to the first Mentioned Bounds--And that same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Tounship by the name of Dorchester And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Tounship, are hereby declared to be Enfranchised with and Intitled to all and every the Priveledges and Immunities that other Tauns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Taun as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding Two Fairs. one of which shall be held on the And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and as soon as the said Taun shall consist of Fifty Families. a market may be opened and kept one or more Days in each week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitiants. Also. that the first Meeting for the Choice of Taun Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province. shall be held on the second Tuesday of Aug. Next which said Meeeting shall be Notified by Cap' John Thompson who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of said first Meeting. Which he is to notify and Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province. and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Taun. shall be on the Second Tuesday of March annually. To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all the Privileges and Appurtences. to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever. upon the following Conditions. viz

1. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Tounship. and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in said Tounship, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and successors. to be by them or Us Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masing Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grante,. his Heirs and Assigns to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be alloted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of December annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of December, 1762.

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of December, which will be in the year of Our Lord 1772 One shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of said Land, which Money shall be paid by the respective Person above said, their Heirs or Assigns, in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixes. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq: Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Eighth Day of July In the Year of our Lord Christ, (One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one Adn in the first Year of Our Reign.

B. Wentworth

By His Exellency's Command
With Advice of Council
Theodore Atkinson Secy
Province N Hamp' July 8th 1761
Recorded According to the original under the Province Seal in the Book of Charters
Theodore Atkinson Secy

***Granted July 8, 1761, to Henry Thompson and others.
Regranted Nov. 21, 1766, to Samuel Hobert and others, and again May 1, 1772, to John House and others.

DORCHESTER PLANNING BOARD

There were twelve formal meeting, two special meetings and several work sessions of the Board during 1988.

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Herbert Wilson in March. Alternate Edith Gray was moved to his seat as a regular member. Val Parker, as Selectman, took the seat of ex-officio and Brian Howe remained as alternate. This left the Board one member short until the appointment of Blanche MacDonald in July.

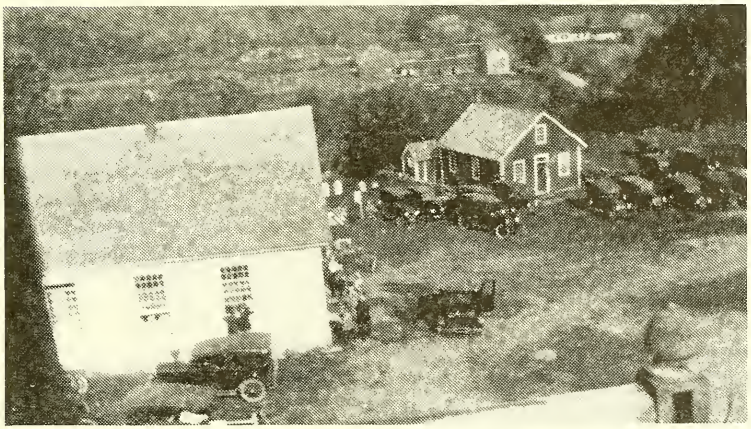
During the year, the Board approved 18 lots for minor subdivisions and have two plans in the conceptual stage for major subdivions: one of 26 and one of 15 lots.

The Board also worked on and updated the Master Plan as required by State Law, as well as working with other concerned citizens on the Land Use Regulations Ordinance which appeared on this year's ballot.

The Board looks forward to an active 1989 as they have received several inquiries from outside interests regarding available land in town, especially larger tracts, and what subdivision regulations apply in the Town of Dorchester.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Belair,
Chairman



Early Old Home Day. Taken from church steeple.

State of New Hampshire
Department of Resources and Economic Development
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS
105 Loudon Road, Prescott Park, P.O. Box 856, Concord, N.H. 03301
John E. Sargent, Director Tel. (603) 271 - 2214

December 9, 1988

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1987 and June 1988, we experienced more fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden, Concord Forest Protection headquarters at (603) 271-2217, or local Forest Ranger.

On January 1, 1989, the Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law (RSA 224:54, goes into effect. This law, in summary, states that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if , in the course of buying or selling a forest product, uses a false weight or measure for falsely determining any quality or quantity of a forest product. For more information, contact one of the persons mentioned above.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1988

Number Fires Statewide	Acres Burned Statewide	Cost of Suppression Statewide
490	509.10	$78,144.93

Number Fires District	Acres Burned District	Cost of Suppression District
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Number Fires Town	Acres Burned Town	Cost of Suppression Town
1	Spot Fire	-

[illegible]

[illegible]

Forest Protection (603) 271 - 2217
Forest Management (603) 271 - 3456
Land Management (603) 271 - 3456
Information & Planning (603) 271 - 3457

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
1988 Activities

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District is a group of communities that have worked together for the last five years to solve the solid waste (garbage) disposal problem. In 1988 the town of Ashland joined the 11 municipalities and the District moved forward with its 1987 decision to upgrade the Plymouth Incinerator/Recycling Facility and to investigate the possibility of developing a landfill site at the Ruymney Transfer Station.

The District, coordinated by the North Country Council, hired an air quality assessment firm to evaluate the effect of the upgraded Plymouth facility on the area's air quality. Based on the worst possible scenario at the expanded incinerator, air emission controls were determined unnecessary. However, the District voted to move forward with the best available technologies to improve the existing air quality.

Additionally, the District hired an engineering firm to evaluate the potential landfill site at the Rumney Transfer Station. The study is still underway and preliminary assessments were presented in late January.

Numerous District meetings were held throughout the year with much of the group's energy focused on how to work together as a group. A District Agreement was drafted and reviewed by the District's attorney and individual towns' attorneys. A question to accept the agreement is on the warrant.

In addition to organizing the 12 communities, assessing the Rumney site and the air quality issues, the group has worked to promote a better understanding of the solid waste disposal situation in the Valley. Public informational meetings were held in the fall and mid-winter. Recycling efforts were encouraged and expanded throughout the region.

Final design work and permits for the landfill and the incinerator are on the work docket for 1989. The District has a tough responsibility to provide economical and environmentally sound solutions for the disposal of solid waste. Those of you interested in the efforts are welcome to attend our regular meetings. Your involvement is encouraged!

Respectfully submitted,

Allen MacNeil
District Chairman

MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES
P.O. BOX 118, CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03741 • (603) 523-4382

January 1989

TOWN REPORT MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to report on the services and accomplishments of Mascoma Home Health Services, now in its twentieth year of operation.

The mission of the agency - to promote health in the individual, the family and the community has not changed over the years. However, the scope of services has grown determined as the needs of the community have become apparent.

The staff of the agency has increased from one part time nurse to twenty individuals representing other disciplines as well as nursing, many part time, as well as a corps of volunteers. All are caring and dedicated to keeping people in their own homes for as long as possible by providing nursing, therapy, home health aide and homemaking. They are also involved in making community programs available that support prevention of health problems by offering well child and dental clinics for children 0-6 years of age. Flu and blood pressure screening clinics are also available on a regularly scheduled basis.

This year we have made 5785 home visits to 401 individuals. 1428 clinic visits have been made. There are five parenting support groups which include 36 families and 86 children.

As the fiscal picture for the delivery of health care becomes more cloudy for the future we reaffirm our appreciation and thanks to the town of Dorchester for their support of the work of the agency. Mascoma Home Services is a part of your community and the programs are available to all.

Sincerely,

Janet G. Knight
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

STATISTICS for the TOWN of DORCHESTER

October 1, 1987 - September 30, 1988

Number of Senior DORCHESTER residents served 4 (of 46 over 60; 1980 Census)

Number of DORCHESTER Volunteers 2 :

Number of Volunteer Hours 97 .

Services	Unit of Service	Units of Service	x	Unit Cost (1)	=	Total Cost of Service
Center Meals	Meal	179	x	$3.58	=	$ 640.82
Home Delivered Meals	Meal	-	x	$4.01	=	$ -
Transportation (Senior Only)	Trips	n/a	x	$5.19	=	$ n/a
Adult Day Service	Hours	n/a	x	$3.58	=	$ n/a
Social Services	Half-Hour	n/a	x	$8.76	=	$ n/a

GCSCC cost to provide services for DORCHESTER residents only $ 640.82 (2)

Request for Senior Services for 1988. . . . . $ 237.00

Received from Town of DORCHESTER for 1988 . . . . . $ 237.00

Request for Senior Services for 1989. . . . . $ 261.00

In addition to the above services, the GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. mails out a monthly newsletter to approximately 2 DORCHESTER addresses.

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NOTES:

1. Unit Cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1987 - September 30, 1988

2. For the entire agency, services were funded by: Federal and State programs, 50%; Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way, 14.8%; Contributions, 13.9%; In-kind donations, 17.9%; Other, 1%; Friends of GCSCC, 2.4%.

11/88 rjt

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE COUNCIL

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council is a public, non-profit voluntary association of towns and cities in the upper Valley and Lake Sunapee areas. It consists of 31 communities in 2 states and 5 counties, Dorchester being one of the communities.

The Council has been active in the Town of Dorchester during 1988. Having successfully prepared a $176,400. grant application on behalf of the town in 1987, the Council staff began to administer the housing replacement/rehabilitation for at least 9 households in town. The program had processed over 10 applications under the program and served 5 households with over $69,000. in program funds by the end of the year. Three replacement mobile homes have been provided along with nexessary site work for placement of these homes, replacement wells and water systems and new, state-approved, septic systems. An additional new septic system was provided for yet another household and two other state-approved replacement septic systems were in the planning stages at year's end. Three more housing rehabilitation applications were being processed for the Spring 1989 construction season in Dorchester. More applications are being solicited and are encouraged. The program has been extended and will run through the end of June 1989.

Areas of expertise of the Council include land use planning, transportation planning, solid waste planning, master planning, environmental planning, capital budgeting, historic preservation, economic and community development, housing, downtown revitalization, fiscal and environmental impact analysis, and site plan review. Communities may also obtain the services of a professional planner on a regular basis through a "circuit rider" program. The Council serves as a collective voice in dealings with state and federal governments, protecting and furthering the interests of our communities.

The Council also provides specific services to communities on a contract basis. As requested by the communities, the Council conducted impact studies regarding proposed development, amendments and updates to local ordinances and regulations, new ordinances, capital improvements programs, and general mapping, drafting, and other technical services.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council looks forward to serving your community during the coming year. Please feel free to contact us whenever we can be of assistance.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT
February 2, 1989

Unlike town and school budgets which are passed by local voters each March, Grafton County budgets are passed by the 28 member Legislative Delegation in late June. The state Dept. of Revenue Administration determines each town's share of county taxes based on the town's proportion of total assessed valuation in the county. Each town's property tax rate reflects its share of county tax as well as town and school taxes.

In 1988 Grafton County's budget increased from $8.9 million to $10.1 million. The amount of the county budget to be raised by property taxes increased by 12.85%, from $4.5 million to $5.0 million. (Just under half the county budget is funded by property taxes. The rest is funded by a combination of state and federal monies and various user fees.)

The 1988 county tax increase resulted from a number of factors. A 5% wage/salary raise for the county's 250 employees increased the budget by $96,000. Operating expenses for a new 34-bed jail wing added $114,0000; capital expenditures added another $223,000. The county share of court-ordered placement costs for juveniles increased $150,000., while the county share of nursing home payments for indigents in county and private homes was up $338,000. (These two programs, representing almost a quarter of the county budget, are determined by state and/or federal legislation, and are therefore beyond the county's control.) Finally, the county lost $42,000. in revenue with the elimination of federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

Since 1986, the county has been responsible for several programs formerly paid by the towns. These include paying 25% of court-ordered placement cost for juveniles and 50% of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Permanently Disabled.

Furthermore, during the state financial crisis of the early 1980's, the state reduced its share of Medicaid for county nursing home patients from 50% to 38.5% of the non-federal contribution. Legislation to restore the state's 50% share passed the New Hampshire House in 1986 and 1987 but was killed in the Senate. Until such legislation passes, counties are forced to make up the difference.

Grafton County operates a 134-bed nursing home, primarily for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. With the opening of a new wing (expected around April 1, 1989), the county's correctional facility will expand from 64 to 98 beds, housing both men and women awaiting trial or sentenced to a year or less of incarceration. The county farm, which is one of three in the state and continues to be self-supporting, offers work programs for inmates. It also provides fresh meat and vegetables for the nursing home and cooperates with the Extension Service in experimental agricultural programs.

The county also maintains the Grafton County Courthouse, renting courtrooms and offices to the state-run superior and probate courts, the state probation and parole agency and the state division of human services. The courthouse also houses an efficient Register of Deeds office, the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, the County Attorney's office, Cooperative Extension Service, and the Commissioners' office, which serves as the business office for the entire complex.

The Grafton County Commissioners meet weekly on Wednesdays at the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. We encourage public attendance and welcome tours of our facilities. For further information, please call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 or contact Commissioner Betty Jo Taffe (Rumney), Everett Grass (Sugar Hill), or Gerald Zeiller (Lebanon).

BIRTHS - TOWN OF DORCHESTER - 1988

Date & Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
07-21-88 Laconia	Chelsea Scott	F	Catherine Louise Terrill	Eric Scott Huntington	Vermont	N.H.
10-02-88 Hanover	Samantha Jean	F	Deborah Jean Kennedy	Dennis Charles Byers	Mass.	N.H.
11-07-88 Laconia	Joshua Benjamin	M	Veronica Lynn Piascik	Oscar Hill	N.H.	N.H.

MARRIAGES - TOWN OF DORCHESTER - 1988

Place & Date	Groom & Bride	Residence	Names of Parents
04-03-88 Dorchester	David M. Yetman	Dorchester, N.H.	William F. Yetman Mary M. Hall
	Karen Marie Roland	Dorchester, N.H.	Paul J. Roland Claire Quinn
07-16-88 Dorchester	Arthur F. St. George	Dorchester, N.H.	Arthur N. St. George Mary Pleasure
	Jeanette E. Wellman	Dorchester, N.H.	Alfred M. Wallace Beatrice E. Wood
10-15-88 Dorchester	William C. Kramer, Jr.	Dorchester, N.H.	William C.Kramer,Sr Joyce R. Cutting
	Melanie F. Smith	Dorchester, N.H.	Harold B. Smith Edith E. Roy

DEATHS - TOWN OF DORCHESTER - 1988

Date	Place of Death	Name	Age	Father's Name	Mother's Name
08-14-88	Ocala, Florida	Ella H. Dustin	87	Alden L. Hall	Eliza J. Bridgette
12-30-88	Hanover, N.H.	Arlene M. Carter	82	Arch Barnett	Malina Lamorey

The Town Clerk is personally aware of the passing of five other longtime residents of Dorchester, but has received no official Death Certificate from the Towns in which they died.

03-03-88	Agnes Davenport	04-30-88	Albert Conkey, Sr.	08-30-88	Helen Bergstrom
04-08-88	Marion Delsart	07-02-88	Elizabeth Hoadley		